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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This amendment for the patent application is in response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expires on July 8, 2009.

Please amend this application as indicated herein.